

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

1) Please amend the first full paragraph on page 8, as follows:

Each subscriber is provided with an MS-ISDN number (mobile station-integrated services digital network number) and an IMSI (international mobile subscriber identity) number. The MS-ISDN provides the number that is known to public as the “Telephone number” of the subscriber. The MS-ISDN is unique to each subscriber and is used globally by the telephone networks to identify a subscriber and to route calls to ~~her~~subscriber. The use of MS-ISDNs is based on the so called E.164 numbering plan.

2) Please amend the third full paragraph on page 12, as follows:

The message 31 includes the identity of MSC and VLR where MS 1 is located for message routing purposes. __Additional information, such as information relating to the location of the mobile station may be included. The location may relate to the cell in which the mobile is currently located and may therefore be defined by including the identity of the base station with which the mobile station is in communication with. Messages 32 and 33 may then also include the location of the mobile station and/or the identity of the MSC/VLR 12 or any additional information, as required.

3) Please amend the first full paragraph on page 13, as follows:

Typically each network operator has between 1-15 HLRs. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the pHLR 14 may be connected to all of a network operator's HLRs, SRRs and other elements containing subscriber data via a provisioning gateway 16 as shown in figure 5. Figure 5 shows a part of the network in which some embodiments of the invention may be employed. In this embodiment, the pHLR may provision an HLR dynamically by allocating the subscriber profile to an HLR which has the greatest amount of unused capacity. The pHLR controls the provisioning gateway for those subscribers who reside in the pHLR. The subscription data is stored in the datastore 17 for inactive subscribers waiting to be activated. Customer Care and Billing system (CCB) 18 is the system used for customer care services of the operator. Typically it also controls the provisioning gateway for post-paid subscriptions. Through the provisioning gateway the pHLR is able to control the provisioning of all required network elements 19, such as Voice Mail Systems, Short Message Service Centres, IN-servers, Multimedia Messaging Centres.